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During Elba City Council meeting

Police Chief shares stats for drug arrests

by Linda Hodge, Publisher

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, June 23, Elba Police Chief Shayne Arnett commended his officers for their work with a high emphasis on catching those involved with narcotics.

So far in 2025, Arnett said the Elba Police Department's narcotics division had made 19 arrests on distribution charges, eight arrests for drug trafficking, 19 arrest for possession of a controlled substance, seven arrests for possession of marijuana – first degree, and five arrests for possession of marijuana – second degree.

"These results show we are working," Arnett said. "This is something to be proud of for our officers." When asked by the council if he believed these numbers indicated things were getting better with narcotics in the town, the chief said you can always hope it is

getting better. However, he said the truth is that his officers and others are just fighting the fight doing what they can to offer a safer community.

"These results show we are working," Elba Police Chief Shayne Arnett said. "This is something to be proud of for our officers."

The chief further reported nine other felony arrests thus far in 2025. As for the most recent monthly stats for the department, Chief Arnett said offi-

cers answered 1,008 service calls from May 20th through June 23rd. There were 117 traffic citations issued during this time, as well as 199 traffic warnings. Also, officers investigated five traffic accidents and made 14 misdemeanor arrests.

In her report to the council, city clerk Sally Bane reported the fire department was not funded for the grant it applied for this year through RC&D, but fire chief Drew Parker received a phone call that the organization indicating they had

some remaining funds the Elba department could still use. She said the two entities agreed to the purchase of a drone would be a good use of the funds.

Bane said the fire department received \$4,000 in monies from RC&D, and the cost of the drone was around \$5,000. She said the monies for the additional cost would come from the tobacco tax and emergency services fees acquired for the fire department.

Bane said the fire chief said the uses of the drone could be endless as it would have heat seeking cameras, night vision, spotlights and many other features. Also, she said some of the ways the drone could help emergency responders would be with locating stranding people on the river, missing hunters, lost elderly and more.

Also, in her report, the city clerk noted a ribbon cutting for the opening of Jack's in Elba was set for Monday, June 30, at 9 a.m.

In other business, Mayor Tom Maddox announced that a new street supervisor had been hired for the city. He said the city was happy

Candidates set for 2025 Municipal Elections in Elba

Qualifying ended Tuesday, June 24, for the 2025 Municipal Elections to be held Tuesday, Aug. 26, in Elba. The qualification period ended at 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

For the office of Mayor of Elba, incumbent Tom Maddox chose to not seek reelection; but there will be three candidates on the ballot for Mayor. Those candidates include Tim Johnson, Carlos J. Magwood, and Marty Tarey.

For Elba City Council, District 1, the incumbent Johnathan T. Lockett is seeking reelection, but he will be opposed for the seat by Tom G. Hooks.

For Elba City Council, District 2, the incumbent Gappa Wise is seeking reelection, but he will be opposed by Aaron Pope for the spot on the council.

For Elba City Council, District 3, incumbent Jane B. Brunson is seeking reelection; however, she will face to opponents in this race - Christy Eubanks Laramore and Todd Martinetti.

For Elba City Council, District 4, incumbent Bryan Grimes chose to not seek reelection. However, there are two candidates for this spot on the council. Tim Hudson and William Love qualified to seek election in District 4.

During the qualification period, it had been reported that Summer Stricklin Love also qualified to seek the council member spot in District 4, but she withdrew on Tuesday afternoon.

For Elba City Council, District 5, incumbent A.R. Williams qualified to seek reelection. He will be opposed by Kaye Ellis for this council seat.

Elba BOE members approve personnel matters

by Linda Hodge, Publisher

During the called Elba City Schools Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, June 3, board members approved several personnel matters.

The board accepted the resignation of Dr. Tyler Booker as the school system's special education director and federal programs coordinator. He resigned from Elba after accepting a job with Crenshaw County Schools.

To replace Dr. Booker, the board voted to hire a current Elba educator for the special education/federal programs coordinator. Melissa Carpenter received this nod to be the new coordinator of those programs.

Carpenter had most recently been serving as a special education teacher at Elba High School.

Superintendent Donny Powell said Carpenter is very knowledgeable and does a very good job with paperwork. He said he feels

she will be a good fit for her new role at the central office.

Samantha Morrow was approved as a teacher hire for Elba Elementary School. EES principal Kenya Martine said Morrow would be somewhat of a new teacher that would need some coaching; however, Martin said she was very excited about this hire.

At the high school, the board voted to approve the requested transfer for Patricia Jordan from special education aide to instructional aide. Also, the board voted to approve the hire of Tiffany Porter as a special education aide at the high school.

Two hires were approved for the Elba Career Academy, both coming to Elba from Ozark City Schools. Rachel Foster was approved as the new career counselor for the academy, and Maklyn Yoli was approved as the new family consumer sciences instructor.

Elba Career Academy director Christina Morgan said Foster served in the same position for the career academy at Ozark, and she is very experienced in the role. As for Yoli, Morgan said she was currently certi-

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Elba High principal selected to participate in education leadership conference and retreat

Jermaine Shakespeare, the newly appointed principal, has been selected to present Elba High School at a regional education leadership conference in Houston, Texas.

Shakespeare will join other educators from across the South to discuss effective strategies for student achievement, advocacy, community engagement, and teacher development.

In addition to his upcoming presentation, Shakespeare has also been invited to participate in a specialized, three-day leadership retreat in Atlanta, designed to support and strengthen male educators serving in high-impact roles. During the retreat, he will connect

and collaborate with educators from eight different states across the country, exchanging ideas and strategies that support student success and educator effectiveness.

Participation in these events is expected to bring new insight, connections, and innovative practices that will benefit Elba High School. The experience will help strengthen instructional leadership, inform campus-wide improvement efforts, and expand opportunities for student and teacher growth. It also supports the school's broader mission of building a culture of excellence, equity, and engagement.

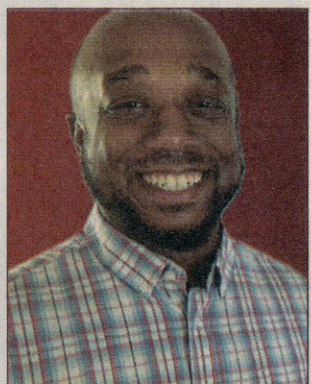
Love announces candidacy to seek District 4 seat on Elba City Council

William B. Love announced his candidacy this week to seek the District 4 council seat on the Elba City Council.

"I'm proud to officially announce my candidacy for Elba City Council - District 4," Love said. "I was born in California, the son of two proud U.S. Army service members—Master Sergeant Willie Love and Specialist Betty Love. Being raised in a military household meant I spent much of my youth living all over the world, including Germany.

After losing his mother at a young age, Love said his father retired in Ozark, Alabama, where he graduated from Carroll High School in 1996.

"Throughout my school years, I stayed active playing football and basketball and was also a member of the Carroll High School band," he said. "At 18, I followed in my parents' footsteps and joined the military, serving 15 years before medically retiring. After my service, I earned a Bachelor's degree in human services from Troy University, with a strong desire to



William B. Love

use it to help and serve the children in my community."

Today, Love said he is proud to call Elba home.

"I'm married to Summer Stricklin Love, a 2006 graduate of Elba High School, who was born and raised right here in this community," he said. "Together, we are raising our nine children, most of whom are involved in local sports, school clubs, and community events. I also volunteer as a coach with the Elba Recreation Department because I believe deeply in mentoring the next generation."

Love said he is running for city council because he

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Magwood announces candidacy for Mayor of Elba

Carlos J. Magwood, a native of Elba and retired Command Sergeant Major of the United States Army, formally announces his candidacy for mayor, launching the "Elba Forward" campaign focused on infrastructure improvements, economic development, and strong transparent leadership.

Born and raised in the Mulberry Heights Community, Magwood credits his family's foundation of faith, service, and hard work as shaping the values he brings to public life. After enlisting in the Alabama Army National Guard, Magwood went on to serve over 32 years in the U.S. Army, rising to the rank of Command Sergeant Major—the highest enlisted leadership rank in the Army.

Throughout his distinguished military career, Magwood held leadership roles in operations around the world, including four combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. His service included assignments as First Sergeant for



Carlos J. Magwood

the Joint Interrogation Debriefing Center in Iraq, Command Sergeant Major for Joint Task Force ODIN in Afghanistan, and senior leadership positions with military advisory teams and the U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence.

Magwood also served in national-level legislative roles in Washington, D.C., serving as a Defense Fellow and Military Legislative Assistant to U.S. Rep. John R. Carter of Texas. He also served as a Legislative

Liaison to the U.S. House of Representatives, covering five states in the Southwest.

Since retiring from the military, Magwood has returned to Elba, where he continues his commitment to public service. He serves on the University of Alabama National Security Research Advisory Board, the Elba Water and Electric Board, the Elba Redevelopment Authority, and the Industrial Development Board, as well as volunteering as a firefighter with the Elba Fire Department. He is also vice president of the Elba Lions Club and serves as a Senior Army Instructor for the JROTC program at Charles Henderson High

Wise seeks reelection to Elba City Council, District 2

Gappa Wise this week announced his intentions to seek reelection for District 2 on the Elba City Council.

"It has been an honor and privilege to serve the people of District 2 and the City of Elba as a whole," Wise said. "While we have had success in certain areas, there is room for improvement in others. I want to hear more of your concerns as I share mine in the coming weeks."

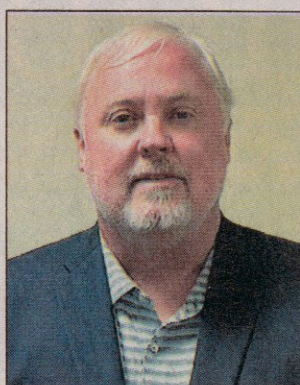
Wise said his desire to serve started many years

ago while coaching and volunteering with his sons. As they grew up, he said his service changed.

"I previously served as a board member for the Elba City Schools

Board of Education, and I now continue to serve the community as a Deacon at First Baptist Church, and board member for the Elba Chamber of Commerce, and Southeast Gas as well as other committees and groups," said Wise. "I'm a proud third generation 1988 graduate of Elba High School. I graduated from Auburn University in 1993 and came back to Elba to live. All I knew at the time was I wanted to raise my family in Elba and be my own boss."

Wise said Elba then, like today, was limited on career options, so he started working with the Newman's and learned the construction/carpentry trade from the



Gappa Wise

ground up. He said being self-employed has had its ups and downs, but Elba has blessed him all these years with plenty of work and good memories.

"I'm married to a good 'ole Elba girl, Mona Kelley Wise, with deep Elba roots," Wise said. "Mona teaches at Elba Elementary School and we have three boys - Hudson, Carson and Paxton, who all graduated from Elba High School. Carson and Paxton are presently attending Auburn."

Wise encourages Elba citizens to reach out to him if they have concerns or questions.

"I'm easy to talk to, and I listen," he said. "We all want what's best for Elba, and together we can achieve our goals. I ask for your continued support in my ability to help shape the future of our town."

Wise said he can be reached by calling (334) 406-7660 or email: gappa-wise@yahoo.com

Area Happenings

The Coffee County Soil & Water Conservation District will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday, June 26, at the Coffee County Extension Kitchen, located at 1055 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, AL 36351. The meeting will start at 9 a.m. There is a limit on the number of people that can be in the room; therefore, if planning to attend, call 334-894-5581 x3.

Beacon of Hope ABA is hosting "Rhythm & Smiles, a Music Celebration" Saturday, July 19, from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., in downtown Elba. The event will be held at 102 Claxton Avenue. Join Beacon of Hope for live music, food vendors, family friendly beverages, dancing and tons of fun. There will also be bounce houses, face painting, and a dunking booth for all to enjoy. Event organizers ask for a donation of either new toys, sealed snacks, or a monetary contribution of any amount to help support Beacon of Hope ABA.

EDITORIAL



The Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise recently installed officers for the 2025-2026 year. New president Julie Mills presented each club member with a hand painted plaque depicting "Angels Among Us" which is the theme of Pilot Clubs for this new term. Leslie Adams, a LPCE member, served as the installing officer. Those pictured are, from left, Beverly Urech, Assistant Fund Raising Chair, Linda Peterson, Fund Raising Chair, Bonnie Gilmore, Assistant Membership Chair, Sandra Danford, Membership Chair, Paulie Thill, Assistant Projects Chair, Fran Walters, Project Chair, Leslie Adams, Installing officer, Debbie Godfrey, Secretary, Julie Mills, President, Jane Baxley, Treasurer, Gina Oates, President Elect.

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fied as an English teacher and would need to complete some additional work to also be certified in family consumer science.

Both Powell and Morgan noted that Yoli has a military background with the National Guard, and she interviewed very well for the new job. They expressed excitement to have her join the Elba team.

The Elba Board of Education had its regular board meeting planned for Tuesday evening, June 24, of this week. Details from that meeting will be provided in next week's paper.

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School. Additionally, he owns the Magwood "Triple-C & D" Cattle Ranch.

Magwood has played an active role in economic development projects in Elba, supporting efforts that led to the opening of Sunbelt Solomon, the expansion of Dorsey Trailers, and the successful establishment of Jack's Restaurant and Dollar General.

He is a recipient of the Key to the City of Elba. His military honors include the Legion of Merit, three Bronze Star Medals, three Meritorious Service Medals, the Combat Action Badge, the Senior Parachutist Badge, the Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, and the Military Intelligence Knowlton Award.

Magwood holds an Associate's degree in intelligence operations, a Bachelor's degree in political science, and a Master's degree in legislative affairs from George Washington University. He is married to Charlene D. Magwood, and they have two children, DeVante and CeCe.

"As mayor, I am committed to leading Elba forward with strength, integrity, transparency, and a focus on real results for the people," Magwood said. "Our city deserves strong infrastructure, support for small businesses and jobs, investment in our youth, and services that meet the needs of every resident."

The "Elba Forward" campaign emphasizes Magwood's vision for a city government that listens to its citizens and serves with purpose and accountability.

For more information, please contact the campaign at magwoodformayor@gmail.com.

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Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Publisher

Local politics are in "go mode" now that qualifying for the upcoming municipal elections has completed. The candidates are set for each race. Now, we urge those seeking office to be sure to not only say they are going to be involved but to follow through with those promises. This includes taking an active role in attending council meetings. The way we see it...if you are seeking election for mayor or city council, you should be attending meetings now to get a feel for what's going on with the current administration. Whether incumbents get re-elected or newcomers fill the seats in November, the more knowledge one has going in to the new administration the better.

The above leads us to point out the Elba City Council held its regular bi-monthly meeting earlier this week on Monday evening. We were disappointed that the majority of the candidates seeking election were not in attendance for the meeting. Of course, the incumbents were there because they currently are serving; however, in the audience was only one mayoral candidate and one city council member candidate. Again, we refer back to the previous paragraph. If you are seeking election, you should be attending these meetings. In our profession, we long ago learned that observation will take you a long way in being able to do the job better. Now is the time to begin those observations. Even the candidates that don't get elected in August should still show up to these meetings. After all, you have pledged a desire to see your community grow and prosper and being in the know of what is happening with the current administration is a good start to that for any citizen - candidate or not.

Now...we do salute all who have put themselves out there for the election process. It is certainly not an easy thing to do. We wish you all well in your journey, and we look forward to working with each of you during this time. Public service is not for everyone, and we thank you all for being willing to step up and accept the calling...the good and the bad.

The new Jack's restaurant is set to open Monday, June 30, with a ribbon cutting set for 9 a.m. that morning. We are excited to see this happen and look forward to supporting this new Elba business. We encourage all citizens to do the same. We also understand the business still has some job openings to fill...so, if you are seeking employment and willing to work, you might want to go online and apply! Thank you to all who played a part in getting this business to Elba. We hope it is the first of many others to come.

June 20th was the first official day of summer, and boy oh boy, those temps have definitely reflected it over the past week. We encourage all that work (or play) outside to be sure to stay hydrated while in the heat. Take time to find a shade or an air-conditioned room occasionally to cool off a bit too. Our hope is that we do not hear of anyone that has suffered a heat-related illness this summer because all did the necessary things to avoid it!

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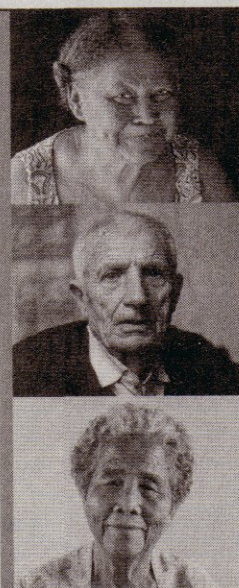
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Obituaries

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BERTHA ELLIS ANDERSON

Mrs. Bertha Ellis Anderson, age 69, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at the Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Elba, Ala.



Funeral services were held Saturday, June 21, 2025, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Derek Snellgrove officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Zion Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Ellis was preceded in death by her father - John Oliver Harden, mother - Minnie Ola Harden, husband - Marion Anderson, husband - Robert Ellis Sr., sisters - Inez Watson, and Agnes Mack, and brothers - James, Johnny and Charles Harden.

Survivors include her daughter: Charlene Tharpe, Enterprise, Ala.; son: Bobby (Mandy) Ellis; sister: Martha Beasley, Elba; grandson: Jody (Carol) Tharpe, Wetumpka, Ala.; granddaughters: Dana (Bill) Rader, Donna (Shannon) Sanders, and Savannah (Justin) St Germain, all of Enterprise, Madison Ellis, Elba; great-grandson: Avery Tharpe; great-granddaughters: Samantha Tharpe, Chloe Tharpe, and Rose Wise; and her nieces and nephews.

JIMMY GLENN CHANDLER

Mr. Jimmy Glenn Chandler, age 54, died Thursday, June 19, 2025.

Graveside services were held Sunday, June 22, 2025, in Meadowlawn Cemetery with Aubrey Sullivan and Reverend Harold Cline officiating and Sorrells Funeral Home & Crematory directing.

Born on July 16, 1970, Jimmy was a proud member of the Enterprise High School Class of 1989. Following graduation, he began a career marked by determination and entrepreneurial spirit; qualities that led him to establish and grow Elba Glass Company, a business that became a trusted name in the community. Through hard work and dedication, Jimmy earned a reputation for excellence and integrity.

Jimmy was more than a successful businessman, he was a devoted father, a loyal son, and a man of deep character. Known for always keeping his word, Jimmy's presence was a steady and uplifting force in the lives of those who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jimmy Chandler, and his grandparents.

Survivors include his beloved daughter, Natalie Chandler; his mother, Doris Watson Daye; and his special friend, Hope Melvin.

The family requests those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to Bellwood Baptist Church at 4931 Co Rd 45, Bellwood, AL 36313

MARY JOHN SMITH

Mary John Smith, age 82, of Charlottesville, Virginia died Saturday, June 21, 2025.

Born February 20, 1943 in Covington County, Alabama, Mary John was the only child of John D. and Claudia L. Smith. After graduating from Elba High School, she received B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Alabama, a PhD from the University of Texas at Austin, and a law degree from the University of Virginia, after which she practiced law in Charlottesville for over 30 years.

Mary John's remains will be interred in a family cemetery in Alabama. No funeral or other memorial

service is planned. Should any of Mary John's friends care to celebrate her life, she left a request that a donation be made to any organization, the mission of which is the rescue and care of neglected or abused animals.

SARAH YVETTE SIMMONS

Mrs. Sarah Yvette Simmons, nee White, age 67, of Gulfport, Mississippi, died May 31, 2025, at her home in Gulfport surrounded by her loving family.

She was born February 5, 1958 in Enterprise, the third of five children born to Isaac Jesse "I.J." and Shirley Virginia (Maddox) White. She grew up in the Woodland Grove community in New Brockton on a small family farm.

The family attended Woodland Grove Baptist Church where Sarah accepted Christ as her Savior. She loved being involved and serving in the church. She had a particular passion for teaching in children's and youth ministries, vacation bible schools, and local and foreign missions.

Over the years Sarah served as church pianist, sang in the choir and helped with various productions. While she enjoyed some of the contemporary Christian music, her love was for the old hymns she grew up playing and singing.

Sarah graduated from Elba High School in 1976. She later relocated to Mississippi where she joined the workforce with Mississippi Power Company and served in a variety of roles, culminating in the Marketing Department. Sarah retired from the workforce early to devote herself to her family,

home and church.

Sarah was a woman of many talents; gardening, decorating, cooking and teaching among them. The seeds for her many talents were planted on the family farm in Alabama. She perfected these talents throughout the years. Later in life, after retirement, she attended and graduated from William Carey University, Gulf Coast branch. Sarah was an avid reader; her favorite book was the Bible. She loved to scuba dive, especially in the waters around Grand Cayman.

Sarah was a member of the FGB Maddox family and loved attending the annual reunions in June.

Sarah fought a courageous battle with Multiple System Atrophy for 18 months prior to her passing. While she is profoundly missed in this life, we rejoice in knowing that she has received the ultimate healing and is now at home with her Savior.

Sarah's final wish was to be cremated. A celebration of her life will be scheduled at a later date. Anyone wishing to remember Sarah is asked to consider a donation to a charity of their choice or to Handsboro Baptist Church, 421 E Pass Rd, Gulfport, MS 39507-3522.

Sarah was preceded in death by her parents, I.J. and Shirley (Maddox) White; a brother-in-law, Dr. Bancroft Cooper; her sister, Deborah Lynn (White) Harrell, and her infant nephew, Isaac Kaleb White.

Survivors include her husband of 29 years, David Benjamin Simmons, Gulfport; daughter, Emma Virginia Simmons, Gulfport; sister, Mary Virginia (White) Cooper, Enterprise; two brothers, Dean (Teresa) White, Bella Vista, AR, and Jeff (Donna) White, Enterprise; brother-in-law, Rick

Harrell, Gautier, Miss.; dear beloved Aunt Vera Kate Maddox Crozier of Illinois; a sister-like cousin Sandra Furr, Pell City, Ala.; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

WAYNE HAMM

Mr. Wayne Hamm, age 89, a loving husband, devoted father, Army veteran, and accomplished stockbroker, died Thursday, June 19, 2025, at UAB hospital in Birmingham, Alabama.

Wayne was born January 13, 1936, in Elba, Alabama to Willie Gertrude Vaughan Hamm and Lotuce Lee Hamm Sr. and was a member of Elba United Methodist Church. He was the last remaining of seven sons and three daughters. Wayne earned a Bachelor's degree in accounting from Auburn University and went on to build a successful career as a stockbroker and trader in Birmingham.

Wayne was known for his sharp mind, steady presence, and unending integrity. He was guided throughout his life by a deep sense of loyalty and duty to those he loved—his wife and children, as well as his siblings and in-laws and their families.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 23, 2025, at Hayes Funeral Home in Elba. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Joyce Saunders Hamm; his children, Sandra Lynn Hamm, Randall Wayne Hamm (wife Randi Kathryn), and Holly Leigh Hamm; and his three grandchildren.

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believes in Elba's potential. He said he is ready to be a voice for the people of District 4.

Love said his goals, if elected, are clear:

- Build better facilities for Elba's youth;
- Improve roads and infrastructure;
- Attract new jobs and more food options to the area;
- Create smart strategies to bring in more revenue for the city; and
- Clean up Elba and restore pride in our community.

"This campaign is about working together for real progress," Love said. "I believe in listening, leading with integrity, and taking action that benefits all walks of life in our city. If elected, I'll be committed to serving

our families, our children, and our future. I'm asking for your trust, your support, and your vote."

"Let's move Elba forward—together," he added.

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The question is, who can you ask to help you find the grave you are looking for? Is it proper etiquette to contact the cemetery owner or operator to provide you with some direction?

The short answer to this question is yes, though you may not need to speak with a cemetery owner directly. These days, a lot of cemeteries have websites where you can get the lay of the land and develop some sense of where your loved one is buried. Often, this is the quickest way to find the information you're looking for.

But if the cemetery doesn't have a website, or you still need assistance, it's perfectly fine to contact the cemetery's owner or operator. It's best to gather some key information before you do so, however - including the full name of the deceased and if possible, the year of their birth and the year of their death. This simply helps the cemetery owner to locate your loved one more quickly.

An alternative is to reach out to the local funeral home; even if it's not affiliated with the cemetery in question, it may have access to records that show where your loved one is buried.

In short, there's always a way to identify the final resting place of your loved one, so never hesitate to ask!

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Place: Online Only

Date: July 8, 2025 to August 8, 2025

The presentation will be available as follows:

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July 8, 2025 – August 8, 2025

This meeting will be conducted as an "Online Only" type format where **no formal presentation will be given.**

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for interested persons to be informed and participate in the public process of this project. Preliminary Maps as well as other information developed on this project are available for public inspection at the Region Office:

Alabama Department of Transportation
Southeast Regional Office
7460 Halcyon Pointe Drive, Suite 100
Montgomery, AL 36117

Anyone with a disability requiring special assistance, should contact the Region office at the above address or call (334) 353-6874 at least **two days in advance** of the meeting. The meeting facilities are wheelchair accessible.

Public attendance is urged, and input is solicited.

By order of the Alabama Department of Transportation,
Mr. John R. Cooper, Director.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF: KIRK CARL WEBER, Deceased.
Case No.: PC-2008-031

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: **MATHAIS CHARLES WEBER**
You are hereby notified that a hearing for Application for Appointment of Successor Personal Representative for the Estate of Kirk Carl Weber has been set in the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, (Elba Division) on the 17th day of July, 2025. You must file a response with the court or appear on said date or Petitioners Application will be granted. This the 3rd day of June 2025.

/s/ Jodee Thompson
Probate Judge, Jodee Thompson
Coffee County, Alabama
6/5, 12, 19 & 26-pd

ORDER TO GIVE NOTICE VIA PUBLICATION

In accordance with Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 4.1(c) and Alabama Code § 30-2-1 PETITION OF DIVORCE having been submitted by James Thomas Pecsok to Hon. Henry T. Reagan II, Judge for Coffee County (Elba), Alabama. IT IS DIRECTED for public notification; this notice is hereby given to Tiffany Samantha Pecsok that Plaintiff wishes to have (1) physical custody of all four children; (2) a Divorce from the Defendant which would end this marriage forever; and (3) make such other and further orders and decrees as may be necessary to effectuate an equitable favor to the Plaintiff. 6/12, 19, 26 & 7/3

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of BETTY CALHOUN CROOK, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-113

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Christopher Randolph Crook, Personal Representative, on the 9th day of June, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Done this the 9th day of June, 2025.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
6/12, 19 & 26-pd

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: KD, (DOB: 04/02/2016)

A minor child under the age of 18 years.

CASE NO.: 34-JU-2022-149.03
DHR Case #: 28543 (FATHER)

NOTICE TO KADRICK DEMPSEY:

You are hereby given notice that a petition has been filed by the Geneva County Department of Human Resources requesting that your parental rights be terminated to the following child: KD born 04/02/2016. You are hereby given notice that you are required to file an Answer with the Clerk of Juvenile Court and with the Petitioner's Attorney: Hon. Rachel H. Sullivan at P.O. Box 336, Geneva, AL 36340, within 14 days of the date of the last publication of this notice or a default judgement can be entered against you. A final hearing has been set for August 28, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama. You may appear and contest the same if you choose. Done this 6th day of June, 2025.

/s/ Ashley Powell
Ashley Powell, Circuit Clerk, Geneva County, AL
6/12, 19, 26 & 7/3-chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of DELLA DALTON, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-090

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration on the Estate of Della Dalton having been granted to Mary Beth Henderson, Personal Representative, on the 9th day of June, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 9th day of June, 2025.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
6/12, 19 & 26-pd

IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANA MARIEA SHIRLEY, Deceased
CASE NO: PR-2025-116

NOTICE OF FILE CLAIMS

Letters of Administration on the Estate of DANA MARIEA SHIRLEY, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of June, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred. /s/ Shelley Shirley
SHELLEY SHIRLEY
Administrator of said Estate
6/19, 26 & 7/3-pd

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by the terms of that certain Mortgage executed by SAVVY DEVELOPERS, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company, to HNB FIRST BANK, an Alabama corporation, dated March 24, 2024, and recorded on April 2, 2024, in Official Records Book 1225, at Page 128, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama; and said default continuing; and the undersigned holder of said mortgage having declared the entire indebtedness due and payable in accordance with the terms and conditions of said mortgage, notice is hereby given that the undersigned, HNB FIRST BANK, will, under the terms of said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder in front of the Courthouse door of Geneva County, Alabama, in Geneva, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on Thursday, August 7, 2025, the following described property:

Parcel 1: One dwelling house and Lot Number 4, in Block 3, in the Snead Addition to the Town of Samson, Geneva County, Alabama, being the property formerly owned by R.H. Dawkins and now occupied by tenants, together with all improvements thereon. Parcel II: A lot or parcel of land being more particularly described as follows: A lot or parcel of land in the Town of Samson, Alabama, and being recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 21-C, according to the Records of Geneva County Probate Office, together with all improvements thereon. Parcel III: Lot Number 5, in Block 3, of the Snead Addition to the Town of Samson, Alabama, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 21-C, records of the Probate Office, Geneva County, Alabama, together with all improvements situated thereon. This property will be sold on an as is, where is basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of the county where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. *Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.* This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact H. Samuel Prim, III at the phone number shown below prior to attendance at sale.

Dated this the 19th day of June, 2025.

HNB FIRST BANK:
BY: H. Samuel Prim, III
Prim & Mendheim, LLC
Attorney for Mortgagee
103 Jamestown Boulevard
Dothan, Alabama 36302
(334) 671-9555
(File No.: 25-0789)
6/26, 7/3 & 10-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LOUIE WAYNE KELLEY, Deceased.

CASE NO: PC-2025-043

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted the 17th day of June, 2025, to Shirley A. Kelley, as Executrix of the Estate of Louie Wayne Kelley, deceased, who departed this life on the 28th day of February, 2025, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Shirley A. Kelley
Shirley A. Kelley, Executrix of the Estate of Louie Wayne Kelley, Deceased
6/26, 7/3 & 10-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LARRY JEROME HILLARD, SR., DECEASED.
CASE.: 2025-0078

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Mae Joyce Hillard, on the 18th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court of Geneva County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Toby L. Seay, Probate Judge
6/26, 7/3 & 10-pd

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LEGAL NOTICES:

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF OLEN LAMAR GLOVER, Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC-2025-0073

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Boyd Glover, as Administrator of the Estate of Olen Lamar Glover, deceased, on the 18th day of June, 2025 by Hon. Toby Seay, Judge of Probate for Geneva County, Alabama. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate of Olen Lamar Glover are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Toby L. Seay
HON. TOBY SEAY
JUDGE OF PROBATE
6/26, 7/3 & 10-pd

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

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6/26&7/3-pd.

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LEGAL NOTICES:

(More Legal Notices on Page 4)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: VICTOR PARKER JR., Plaintiff, vs. ASHLEY DILLARD, Defendant.
CASE NO: DR-2025-900030

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Defendant, Ashley Dillard, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Complaint for Divorce heretofore filed against her by Plaintiff, Victor Parker, Jr., on or before the 4th day of August 2025, or a judgment by default may be rendered against her in Case No. DR-2025-900030, Circuit Court of Geneva County, Alabama.

Dated on this the 4th day of June 2025.
 /s/ Ashley A. Powell
 Ashley A. Powell
 Circuit Court Clerk
 Lee F. Knowles
 Attorney for said Estate
 P.O. Box 369
 Geneva County, AL 36340
 Telephone: (334) 684-8022
 6/12, 19, 26 & 7/3-chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Othel Bernard Winslett, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR-2025-112

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of Othel Bernard Winslett, deceased, having been granted to Kerry Sue Winslett, Personal Representative, on the 5th day of June, 2025, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
 Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
 Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama
 Richard W. Whittaker, Attorney
 300 E. Lee Street
 Enterprise, AL 36330
 (334) 393-5146
 6/12, 19 & 26-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of EMMETT M. COUCH, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-089

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration on the Estate of Emmett M. Couch having been granted to Mary Beth Henderson, Personal Representative, on the 5th day of June, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 5th day of June, 2025.
 /s/ Jodee R. Thompson
 Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
 6/12, 19 & 26-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WINNIE NESTA MOORE, Deceased.
CASE NO.: PR-2025-050

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration of said Deceased having been granted to THOMAS E. WALKER, JR., Personal Representative, on the 12th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that

all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
 Jodee R. Thompson
 JUDGE OF PROBATE
 Ashley Peacock Bradley, Attorney
 360 N. Oates St.
 Dothan, AL 36303
 334-793-3610
 6/19, 26 & 7/3-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD BRUCE MILLER, DECEASED.
Case No. PR-2025-122

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 16th day of June, 2025, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Alfred F. Livaudais, Jr.
 Alfred F. Livaudais, Jr.
 Attorney for Donna S. Miller
 Personal Representative
 Urech & Livaudais, P.C.
 P.O. Drawer 70
 Daleville, AL 36322
 (334) 598-4455
 daleattyal@gmail.com
 6/19, 26 & 7/3-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA BOYLE DECEASED
CASE NO.: PR-2025-070

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of BARBARA BOYLE, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 16th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Joel Young
 JOEL YOUNG
 Personal Representative of said Estate
 6/19, 26 & 7/3-pd

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Ryan Homler to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Movement Mortgage, LLC, dated April 30, 2024 said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, in Book 1062, Page 118. Said mortgage was subsequently sold, assigned and transferred to Movement Mortgage, LLC. Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned, Movement Mortgage, LLC, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse in Coffee County, Alabama on July 16, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following describe real estate situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit: BEING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH MARGIN OF MCCORMICK STREET WHICH IS 300 FEET EAST OF THE EAST MARGIN OF THE OLD DALEVILLE ROAD (NOW KNOWN AS OUIDA STREET); RUN THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH MARGIN OF MCCORMICK STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF 50

FEET; THENCE SOUTH 100 FEET; THENCE WEST 50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 100 FEET TO MCCORMICK STREET AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Property Street Address for Informational Purposes: 200 McCormick St Enterprise AL 36330
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This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose.
 Movement Mortgage, LLC, Mortgagee or Transferee
 Jonathan Smothers, Esq
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 420 North 20th Street, Suite 2249
 Birmingham, AL 35203
 Attorney for Mortgagee/Transferee
 25-007544
 6/19, 26 & 7/3-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY J. COLLINS, DECEASED.
CASE NO.: 8632

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Betty J. Collins having been granted to Sherry Herring on the 16th day of June, 2025, by Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama, and notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Toby L. Seay
 Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate
 6/19, 26 & 7/3-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of HARRY WAYNE CROOK, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-123

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Christopher Randolph Crook, Personal Representative, on the 16th day of June, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 16th day of June, 2025.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
 Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
 6/19, 26 & 7/3-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PAULINE NEAL RIGGS, DECEASED,

ANNIE COOPER, PETITIONER.
Case No.: 25-0077

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Annie Jean Tolver-Cooper, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Pauline Neal Riggs, who departed this life on the 5th day of May, 2023, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or same will be barred.

Annie Jean Tolver-Cooper
 Personal Representative of the Estate of Pauline Neal Riggs, deceased.
 Attorney for the Estate:
 David W. Rousseau, Esq.
 Rousseau Law Firm
 Post Office Box 10
 Hartford, Alabama 36344
 /s/ Toby L. Seay
 Judge of Probate
 6/19, 26 & 7/3

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA THE CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA

Petitioner, v. THE TAXPAYERS AND CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA
Defendants.
CV 2025-900018

LEGAL NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA

Notice is hereby given to you that a petition has been filed in the Court under the provisions of §§ 6-6-750 through 6-6-757 of the Code of Alabama (1975) requesting the Court to validate and confirm the proposed issuance by the City of Elba, Alabama (the "City") of the Project Development Agreement (the "Development Agreement") between the City and Jack's Family Restaurants, LP (the "Developer") and the respective Series 2024-A Limited Obligation Certificate of Indebtedness of the City (referred to separately herein as the "Certificate of Indebtedness"). The City's Certificate of Indebtedness will be in an amount of up to but not exceeding \$500,000.00. The Certificate of Indebtedness shall bear no interest. The obligations of the City proposed by the Development Agreement and the Certificate of Indebtedness are limited obligations of the City issued for the purpose of providing funding to Developer to assist it in the development of a restaurant located within the City at 988 Highway 203, Elba, Alabama 36323 (the "Project Site"), and which is more particularly described on Exhibit "A" to the Project Development Agreement that is attached to the Petition, and to fund the construction of building(s) on the Project Site (the "Retail Center"). The project is expected to generate annual taxable sales of between approximately One Million Seven Hundred Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$1,700,000.00) and Two Million and No/100 Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) and the create a significant number of full and part time jobs, many of which may be filled by residents of the Public Body.

The obligations of the City in the Development Agreement and the City's Certificate of Indebtedness will be secured by a pledge by the City of the City Assistance derived solely from the sales taxes generated by the Retail Center as provided for in the Development

Agreement. With regard to the City Assistance, subject to the other provisions of the Development Agreement and applicable law, the City proposes to pay to Developer as a tax rebate the City Assistance until the City has rebated to Developer the maximum amount of \$500,000.00; City Assistance is defined specifically in the Development Agreement but generally shall mean seventy percent (70%) of the non-education related sales tax revenues collected by the City from the Retail Center after the development of the same.

All terms capitalized shall have that meaning as set forth in the Development Agreement.

Copies of documents relevant to the proposed obligations of the Development Agreement and the proposed issuance of the Certificate of Indebtedness are available for inspection and review during normal business hours at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Elba at 200 Buford St, Elba, AL 36323 in Coffee County, Alabama. These documents are described as follows: (1) Project Development Agreement and (2) the Certificate of Indebtedness.

The Court has issued an order against the taxpayers and citizens of the City of Elba, Alabama requiring them to show cause, if any they have, at a hearing of said petition to be held at the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba, Alabama, on the 23rd day of July, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. as to why the Development Agreement and obligations of the City contemplated therein, the Certificate of Indebtedness, the authority of the City to issue the Certificate of Indebtedness, the legality of all pledges of revenues to the Certificate of Indebtedness and those in the Development Agreement, the legality or all proceedings heretofore taken in connection therewith, and the validity of all other covenants, provisions and agreements associated with the Development Agreement and the Certificate of Indebtedness, and the applicability of Amendment 772 to the City and the above obligations and proposed obligations should not be validated and confirmed.

You are therefore required at the time and place hereinabove set for to show cause, if any you have, why the Development Agreement and obligations of the City contemplated therein, the Certificate of Indebtedness, the authority of the City to issue the Certificate of Indebtedness, the legality of all pledges of revenues to the Certificate of Indebtedness including those in the Development Agreement, the legality of all proceedings heretofore taken in connection therewith, and the validity of all other covenants, provisions and agreements associated with the Development Agreement, the Certificate of Indebtedness and/or as set forth in the Petition and the applicability of Amendment 772 to the City and all the above should not be validated and confirmed.

Done this the 16th day of June 2025.

/s/ Amy L Reeves
 Amy Reeves
 Circuit Court Clerk of Coffee County, Alabama
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/s/ Henry Reagan
 Circuit Judge Henry Reagan
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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF: S.G.S., a minor.
CASE NO.: JU-2021-114.03

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IN RE: THE MATTER OF: L.B.S., a minor.
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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE TO: KATIE BOWERS, Respondent/Mother of S.G.S., a minor whose date of birth is in March 2020 and L.B.S., a minor whose date of birth is in September 2018, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights heretofore filed by Petitioners, William Boswell Simmons III and Karinne Simmons, within fourteen (14) days after the last publication, or thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against you in JU-2021-114.03, and JU-2021-113.03, in the Juvenile Court of Geneva County, Alabama.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Elba will hold a public hearing on July 7, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall located at 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama. The City will discuss the proposed submission of an application for the Fiscal Year 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The City is interested in obtaining all citizens' input on community development needs within the city. The City needs as much local participation as possible in order to reflect the true desires of the community as a whole, as well as the comments relating to the proposed project application. The State has established a maximum application request for each category. Activities that are eligible for funding include the improvement of public works, public facilities, housing rehabilitation, and others allowed by law. At least 51% of the funds must be used to benefit low and moderated income persons. No displacement of persons will be proposed. The project, if funded, will benefit a majority of low and moderate income persons.

For more information, or if you require special accommodations at the hearing, please contact city officials at (334) 897-2333 prior to the public hearing.

Tom Maddox
 Mayor

SPORTS NEWS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our youngest grandson Cannon got his first pet over the weekend when Mom and Dad brought home a Golden Doodle, and while Cannon was a little reluctant at first to play with his newest house guest, the puppy won him over quickly with licks and non-stop playing. I have always believed every child needs a pet, and now comes the fun part for Cannon and his parents.

For what it is worth....

*** *I wrote an article this week about Cole Shehee* and his adventures in the world of high school rodeo and was really impressed with his work ethic and dedication to the sport and to his horses. For a sixteen-year-old to devote countless hours every day to taking care of his horses and practicing his skills while many other teens ride the roads looking to just have fun is rare, to say the least, but it was easy to tell that Cole was being honest about his dedication to the rodeo and how his most important teammates were his horses – Poncho and Oscar. I have watched the Shehee brothers grown up on the baseball field with the support of their parents Kelly and Kayron, and was not surprised at all that they are backing Cole one-thousand percent in his new rodeo venture. I got a little excited just writing his story, and will have to circle a date on the calendar to watch this special young man compete!

*** *The Alabama Sports Writers Association* and various newspapers and websites have named their all-state teams in high school baseball and softball in recent weeks, and while all the players on the lists were very deserving, there were many more than played key roles in the success of their teams that worked hard and got dirty each and every day at practice and at games. I know I am going to leave someone off my list of the ‘Most Underrated’ high school players in the area, but here goes.... (Baseball) Elba – Matthew McCart and Jaden Baker; Brantley – Kevin Freeman and Thomas Whitehurst; Kinston – Jon Simmons, Evan Hilburn and Zavory Stanley; New Brockton – Judd Thomas, James Downing and Jacob Fisher; and, Zion Chapel – John Foster Hamm, Weston Watson and Joseph LeGear. (Softball) Elba – Ana Caldwell and Kalleigh Russell; Brantley – Coco Stamps and Emma Crawley; Kinston – Brynne Kelley, Justi Creech and Madisyn Jones; New Brockton – Ella Kate Bowers and Emily Grace Peeples; and, Zion Chapel – Shea Wambles and Kaylee Hodge. In team sports it isn’t really about who gets the headlines and awards, but being a good teammate, and in our small area of the world we are more than blessed to have the rosters filled with those valuable players.

*** *ESPN published an article on its website* last week about what it called the ‘10 Most unbreakable records in college football,’ and while I have been a sports fan for all of my life I will admit a couple of the records still surprised me. One was Oklahoma’s 47-game winning streak that began in 1953 and lasted almost all of the next five seasons and produced back-to-back national championships in 1955 and 1956. Another one I had forgotten about was that Coach Bobby Bowden’s Florida State Seminoles finished in the Top 5 in the final AP poll every season from 1987 through 2000, an amazing run of 14 straight years! One a little closer to home was Alabama linebacker Derrick Thomas finishing the 1988 season with 27 sacks and 39 tackles for losses, as was the record set by former Alabama head coach Nick Saban, who won 100 straight games against unranked opponents and went 14 years without losing a game to an unranked opponent. Overall, Saban was 123-4 in games against unranked teams. I guess Coach Saban did a pretty good job keeping his teams from overlooking anybody on the schedule!

*** In closing.... Kinston sent three teams to the Babe Ruth state softball tournament and as we approached this week’s sports deadline two of the teams were preparing to take the field to compete for a state title in the tournament’s championship games. Kinston made the headlines in high school softball this past season by winning a state title, and the excitement and success are very evident at the youth levels. It takes dedication by the players, coaches and parents for youth teams to be successful, and it is obvious everyone in Kinston has that dedication to their youth. Maybe other towns in the area will wake up and figure out that if Kinston can do it so can they!



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In Babe Ruth softball

Kinston sends two teams to state finals

The Alabama Babe Ruth ‘State Softball Tournament’ was held in Andalusia over the weekend and after two days of action Kinston had two teams still alive and battling for state titles.

12 and Under

The Kinston 12U All-Stars drew the number one seed and a bye in the single-elimination bracket of the six-team tournament after going 2-0 in pool play and then defeated Covington County 10-6 to advance to the championship game.

The All-Stars pulled ahead early and used an 11-run fifth inning to pull away late in an 18-3 pool play win over Covington County. Ollie Mae McCrummen and Reeves Simmons combined for 6 hits, scored 6 runs and knocked in 6 runs in the opening round win, with McCrummen belting a home-run and a double. The duo also combined to pitch five innings and struck out 10.

The All-Stars closed pool play with an exciting 6-5 win over Opp when Alba Wise came in as a pinch runner in the bottom of the fifth and eventually came around to score on an error. Harper Morris and Kellan Wise combined for 4 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the All-Stars at the plate, while Reeves Simmons and Ollie Mae McCrummen combined to pitch a five inning two-hitter and struck out five.

The All-Stars advanced to the state championship game with a wild 10-6 win

STATE TOURNNEY UPDATE....

The Kinston 8 and Under and 12 and Under All-Stars both saw their quest for a state championship end Sunday afternoon, June 23, in the finals of the Alabama Babe Ruth State Tournament. The 8U Stars were outscored by New Site 17-11, while the 12U Stars last to Opp 4-1. Look for game highlights and photos next week in The Elba Clipper.

over Covington County as they saw a 6-0 lead shrink to 6-5 before regaining command late to remain unbeaten. Reeves Simmons and Kinsley Clark combined for 4 hits, scored 4 runs and had 4 rbi’s to spark the All-Stars, while Simmons and Ollie Mae McCrummen combined to pitch six innings and struck out 10.

10 and Under

The Kinston 10U All-Stars earned a number three seed in the seven-team field after splitting their two pool play games and then won their first elimination game before being ousted with a loss late Saturday night.

The All-Stars went up against Brewton in their initial pool play game and used an 8-run second inning to erase an early 4-1 deficit in route to a 19-8 win. Collins Hart, Sadie Tinsley and Karlee McKenzie combined for 5 hits, 8 runs and 6 rbi’s to spark the win, while Collins Hart pitched four innings and struck out five.

The All-Stars ran into Covington County in their second pool play game and were outscored 10-1 over the final two innings in a

14-2 loss. Collins Hart and Ada Donaldson combined for 3 hits and scored 1 run to lead the All-Stars, while Ansley Clark and Collins Hart combined to pitch four innings and allowed only three earned runs, with five strikeouts.

The All-Stars stayed alive with a wild 19-10 win over Sylacauga in their first elimination game as they scored 9 runs in the first inning and never looked back. Karlee McKenzie and Mackinlee Henderson combined for 4 hits, scored 3 runs and had 6 rbi’s to led the All-Stars, while Ansley Clark and Collins Hart combined to pitch a six inning one-hitter and struck out nine.

The All-Stars ran back into Covington County in the semifinal round of play and saw an early 1-0 lead vanish quickly in a 13-3 loss. Sadie Tinsley had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the All-Stars at the plate, while Ansley Clark and Collins Hart combined to pitch three and two-thirds innings and allowed only five earned runs, with five strikeouts.

8 and Under

The Kinston 8U All-

Stars posted a 2-0 record in pool play to earn the number two seed in the nine-team field and then added a pair of elimination wins to move to the state title round.

The All-Stars began pool play with a match-up against Covington County and scored 10 runs in their final two at-bats to claim a 13-4 win. Wren Hattaway, Hailey Berry and Tilly Kilpatrick combined for 10 hits, scored 6 runs and 6 rbi’s to spark the All-Stars, with Wren belting a double and a home-run.

The All-Stars challenged Lineville in their second pool play game and pulled away from an early 4-2 lead to post a solid 10-2 win. Mary Ellen Jackson, Hadley Lasiter, Riley LaGraff and Piper Mack combined for 8 hits, scored 7 runs and had 8 rbi’s to spark the win.

The All-Stars began elimination play against Lineville and pulled away from a 3-3 second inning tie to remain unbeaten with a 9-4 win. Wren Hattaway, Hadley Lasiter and Riley LaGraff combined for 9 hits, scored 4 runs and had 4 rbi’s to lead the All-Stars in the win.

The All-Stars continued their winning ways with a 9-3 win over Covington County in a game in which they jumped ahead 7-1 early and held on late. Hailey Berry, Tilly Kilpatrick and Mary Ellen Jackson combined for 7 hits, scored 6 runs and had 5 rbi’s to spark the All-Stars to the win.

Kinston honored on 2025 ‘Super 12’ prep softball list

The Dothan Eagle announced its 2025 ‘Super 12’ high school softball picks last week with Kinston’s Coach Andy Norris and Lady Bulldog Allyx Williamson both being named to the honored list.

Norris was named the ‘Coach of the Year’ after leading Kinston to the Class 1A state championship, while Williamson was named to the team as one of the top players in the wiregrass.

Norris, who led Kinston to a 29-10 record a year ago, pushed his team filled with no seniors to a 38-8 record this season, including

the area championship, the South Region championship and the 1A state championship.

Williamson, a sophomore, outfielder, batted .571 with 84 hits in 147 at-bats, including 12 doubles, 6 triples and 3 home-runs. She was a perfect 22 of 22 on stolen base attempts and struck out only seven times throughout the season.

Other members of the ‘Super 12’ included ‘Player of the Year’ Ellie Cox, of Wicksburg; Natalie Cole, of Wicksburg; Savanna Kendrick, of Dothan; Anleigh Wood, of Wicksburg;

Allie Kate Causey, of Abbeville Christian; Shayleigh Whitman, of Dale County; Maddie Williams, of Rehobeth; Anna Claire Free, of G.W. Long; Emily Adams, of Houston Academy; Lee Lott, of Enterprise; and, Jadyne Rausch, of Houston Academy.

Players that received ‘Honorable Mention’ included: Sara Harris, Dothan; Jada Newman, Dothan; Gracyn Snell, Enterprise; Josie Thompson, Enterprise; Jazzy Andrews, Rehobeth; Kryslin Martin, Rehobeth; Emily Maddox, Houston Academy; Paige Welch, Houston Academy; Ava Allsup, Headland; Shaylee Greathouse, Headland; Janazia Cantlow,

Charles Henderson; Olivia Dodson, Ashford; Addison Moseley, Opp; Crislyn Birge, Opp; Hayden Howell, Geneva; Tylaya Lingo, Wicksburg; Chloe Joyner, Wicksburg; Beth Dixon, Ariton; Lizzy Faircloth, Ariton; Kaylie Joseph, G.W. Long; Riley Bannin, Zion Chapel; Sydney Boothe, Zion Chapel; Shea Wambles, Zion Chapel; Addie Mae Habbard, Geneva County; Julianne Meyer, Pike Liberal Arts; Sarah Strickland, Pike Liberal Arts; Ally Zorn, Samson; Lauren Norris, Kinston; Lilli Sumbly, Kinston; Maddie Williamson, Kinston; Annston Braddy, Abbeville Christian and Hope Kennedy, Abbeville Christian.

Knockouts post three wins at Dothan softball tournament

The 12U Knockouts, from Kinston, competed in a softball tournament recently in Dothan and claimed three wins before being ousted.

The Knockouts began pool play on Saturday morning and never had a chance in an 18-0 loss to the Gulf Coast Mayhem. Addison B was hit by a pitch and stole a base, while S Reeves drew a base on balls.

The Knockouts bounced back in their next outing as they rallied from an early 8-7 deficit to edge the Tallahassee Lady Bombers 9-8. Kellan Wise had 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Knockouts at the plate.

The Knockouts were no-hit for the second time in three games in a 10-0 loss to the Alabama Rebels.

The Knockouts ran into the Tallahassee

Lady Bombers again in elimination play and used a six-run first inning to take command in an 8-3 win. Reeves Simmons had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Knockouts at the plate.

The Knockouts stayed alive as they scored seven runs in their final two trips to the plate to erase a 3-0 deficit in an exciting 7-3 win over the Gulf Coast Riptide. Harper Morris had 2 hits and 2 rbi’s to lead the Knockouts at the plate.

The Knockouts ran back into the Gulf Coast Mayhem and battled for all five innings in a 14-1 loss. Reeves Simmons had 1 hit and 1 rbi and Harper Morris added 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Knockouts at the plate, while the Knockouts allowed three earned runs on 10 hits and four walks, while striking out three.

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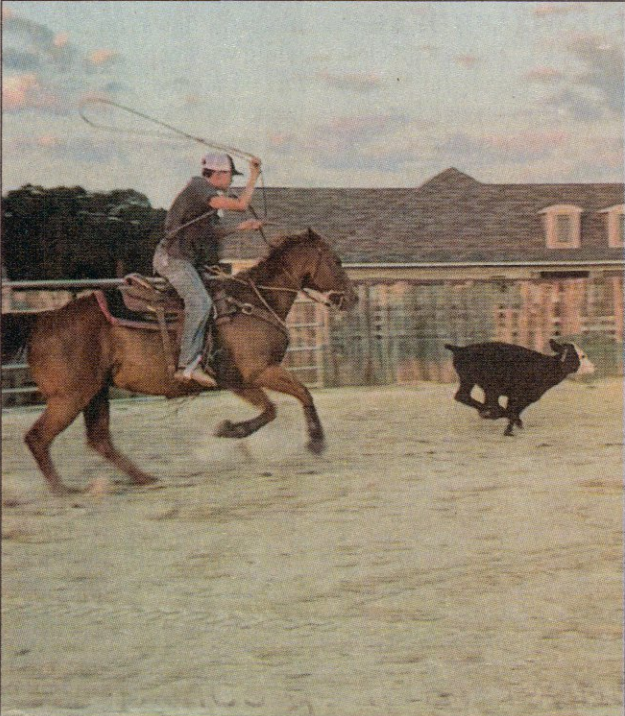
Roping the calf is only part of the problem, as Shehee picks up the calf in preparation to complete the competition.



Team roping takes skill, precision and teamwork as his teammate closes in with his lasso after Shehee ropes the calf and keeps tension on his rope.

On Alabama High School Rodeo circuit

Shehee trades in cleats for spurs



Countless of hours of practice seven days a week and working from sun'up until sundown is required to be a winner on the rodeo circuit, a chore Shehee looks forward to.

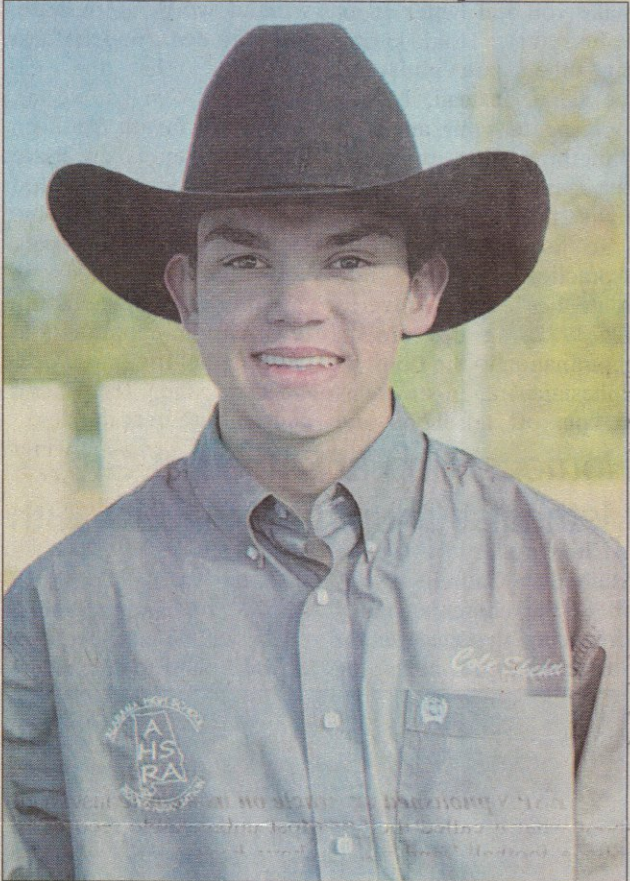
After devoting over fifteen years of his life to practicing and playing baseball, upcoming Elba High junior Cole Shehee decided to hang up his cleats and glove and pulled down a saddle off the barn wall, and after just one year has become a rising star on the Alabama High School Rodeo Association circuit.

"I worked countless hours practicing and playing baseball since I was old enough to hold a bat," said Shehee, "and while I loved playing and being on a team at all levels from rec ball, to travel ball and on to high school, as I grew older I began to look at other sports and horseback riding and rodeo competition always caught my attention. My Dad used to compete in roping events years ago and as he taught me the basic fundamentals and I spent more and more time working to improve and I fell in love with the sport."

is a lot of hours, but you have to be devoted to what you want to do and I want to keep getting better and maybe one day compete at the college level."

Shehee said he got his first horse when he was six-years-old and would ride whenever he got the chance, but now has five horses, including his two fellow competitors Poncho and Oscar, both 18-year-old quarter horses. Poncho is his teammate in team roping, while Oscar is his teammate in calf roping.

"There is no doubt your horses are your teammates," added Shehee. "You spend hours and hours with them honing both our skills, and to be successful you have to be able to trust your horses and the horses have to trust you. In calf roping the rider has to back the horse into the chute just right to make sure it leaves when the timer starts, and the horse has to make a perfect stop, and then keep tension on the rope as the rider dismounts and completes the competition. In team roping you have a partner that works with you, but the horses are still just as important to success as the riders."



Elba's Cole Shehee recently completed his first season on the Alabama High School Rodeo Association and ended the season ranked 19th in the state.

the horse keeps tension on the rope to make certain the calf can't escape.

"I really like team roping," stated Shehee, "but calf roping is my favorite event. Me and my horse put in so many hours of hard work and in the end it comes down to me and him. Every time you compete it is really a team event, because your horse is part of your team."

Shehee stated he is looking to compete in cutting in years to come, which is when a rider and his horse pick one cow out of a herd, separates it from the herd and cuts it off when it attempts to re-join the herd. One event he made clear he had no interest in was bull riding, which he said was not made for a 130-pound cowboy.

"In the coming season I hope to go out and do well, compete in as many rodeos as possible and put a bunch of points on the board," added Shehee. "I know I will have to be consistent, have a little luck and that I and my horses will stay healthy. However, you have to have goals and that is my goal for next season."

"To be successful in the world of rodeo competition you have to be physical, put in the time required in preparation and be able to handle the mental pressure that exists every day, not just when you are at a rodeo," said Shehee. "You can't worry about how many hours you have to put in or what other people may be doing while you are with your horse or working in the arena. It is a sport that demands hard work and dedication, and that is

a lesson everyone needs to learn no matter what sport they may compete in. And of course, God is the most important teammate in everything we do, and in all we do we give him the glory."

The Alabama High School Rodeo Association is dedicated to supporting the future of rodeo by providing a competitive rodeo atmosphere for students in grades five through twelve. Students compete in regular season rodeos culminating in the state finals in June, while the top competitors in each event will attempt to qualify for the National High School Rodeo Finals, in July, in Wyoming. Participants also compete for scholarships, and often receive scholarships to schools that field intercollegiate rodeo teams.

While everyone that competes in rodeos wants to walk away with the top prize, Shehee stated the best part of being on the rodeo circuit is being a member of a big family.

"Unlike other sports, where the attitude is always win or lose, the rodeo is like one big family that supports each other," said Shehee. "We all want to win and it is very competitive, but in the end it is the competitor against the clock, and we all cheer each other on as we try to beat the clock. We rely on each other for help with equipment, share ideas of how to improve and always cheer for all the riders to beat their previous best times, not just beat a competitor. I still like baseball and know where my bat and glove are, but more importantly I know where all my saddles, bridles and other equipment are hanging, and I look forward to getting out and working every day with my Dad, my friends and my horses."

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CHURCH NEWS



Pastor's Corner

Article written by Rev. Kit Johnson,
Pastor of Elba First Baptist Church

Choose Truth Over Lies

It's been said that truth may hurt for a little while, but a lie hurts forever. Unfortunately, I know firsthand what it feels like to lie and to be lied too. They are equally painful.

Depending on the extent of the lie, just when you think it is in the past, the consequences catch back up to haunt your present again. I know I am not alone in my experiences. Statistics reported by USA Today claimed 91% of Americans routinely lie.

Here are a few of the specifics: 36% important lies, 86% to parents, 69% to spouses, 75% to friends, 81% about their feelings, and 43% about their income.

My intention is not to make you feel better about a lie you've told knowing others are guilty of the same. Instead, I hope to bring to your attention something that threatens our character, relationships, and self-image.

To those who've made a practice of telling "little white lies", stop. Proverbs 12:22 "Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord..." Ephesians 4:25 in-instructs us to "put off falsehood and

...speak the truth with our neighbors..." Speaking the truth becomes easier the more you practice.

As for those who have become victims of the lies, Jesus revealed the most effective weapon for combating lies. The Truth.

In Matthew 4, Satan tempts Jesus in the wilderness. Jesus was armed with the Word of God and refuted each of Satan's lies with the truth.

In Radical Well-Being, Dr. Rita Hancock writes, "Just as Jesus did, you must capture the lies when they are hurled at you in your everyday life and re-fute them with truth as it appears in Scripture."

Satan's lies, at times spoken by people you care about, can cause you to feel unloved, unforgiveable, without worth or purpose. But who does God say that you are? What does the Bible say?

You are loved. Sins can be forgiven. You have purpose because God has begun a work in you. Desiring that all would know the Truth and walk in Him, Jesus gave His life to give us an opportunity to have eternal life.

Know the Truth and choose truth over the lies.

Bethany Baptist Church to host fireworks celebration Sunday

Bethany Baptist Church, located at 1805 County Rd. 533, New Brockton, will host a community fireworks celebration this Sunday evening, June 29, from 7-9 p.m.

All are invited to attend.

VBS at Woodland Grove Baptist Church planned for July 9th-11th

Woodland Grove Baptist Church, located at 5107 County Rd. 239, New Brockton, Ala., will hold its Vacation Bible School on July 9-11 from 6-8:30 each night.

There will be classes for all ages, including adults. Everyone is invited to attend.

First Baptist Church Elba invites all to July 2nd Summer Social

First Baptist Church Elba invites all to its Summer Social and Shrimp Boil planned for Wednesday, July 2, at 5 p.m.

Join the church members for food and fellowship. There also will be hamburgers and hot dogs!

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THE WIZARD OF AHS

In Frank L. Baum's timeless tale, the Wonderful Wizard of Oz, Dorothy and her little dog Toto are transported via a furious cyclone from their humble home on the plains of Kansas to the fantastic and sometimes frightening Kingdom of Oz. Dorothy's breathtaking adventures and misadventures with the tin man, scarecrow, and cowardly lion regale the reader and lead him or her into mystifying Kingdom that truly is not of this world. The power behind this eerie kingdom is an anonymous figure who is "pulling the strings," so to speak. He holds sway over everyone by pretending to be someone he is not. "Oohs and ahs" are extracted from those he is fooling. When the curtain is finally pulled back, he is exposed for all to see. The "Wonderful Wizar

ard of Oz" is nothing more than a crafty charlatan. How often we are fooled by the ruler of this world! Like Dorothy and her traveling companions, we are taken in by the tantalizing tinsel or tough-talking tactics of the enemy. Scripture depicts Satan as a deceiver (2 Corinthians 11:14). Christians must be wary of his devious schemes, lest they be drawn into his counterfeit Kingdom. Jesus firmly declared that his Kingdom was not of this world – that his kingdom was not from here. His is a spiritual Kingdom first and foremost, and to that we can say with a measure of relief, "Ah-men!" – V.K.

Question/Answer Section

Q/A for the week of 6-19-2025 Answer the questions – Use your concordance

(Q) What will our father's commandments and our mother's laws do for us while we sleep?

(A) Father's commandments will: keep us. Mother's laws will: talk with us. When we awake. Proverbs 6:20-22

(Q) What will turn away wrath?

(A) A soft answer. Proverbs 15:1

Questions for the week of 6-26-2025

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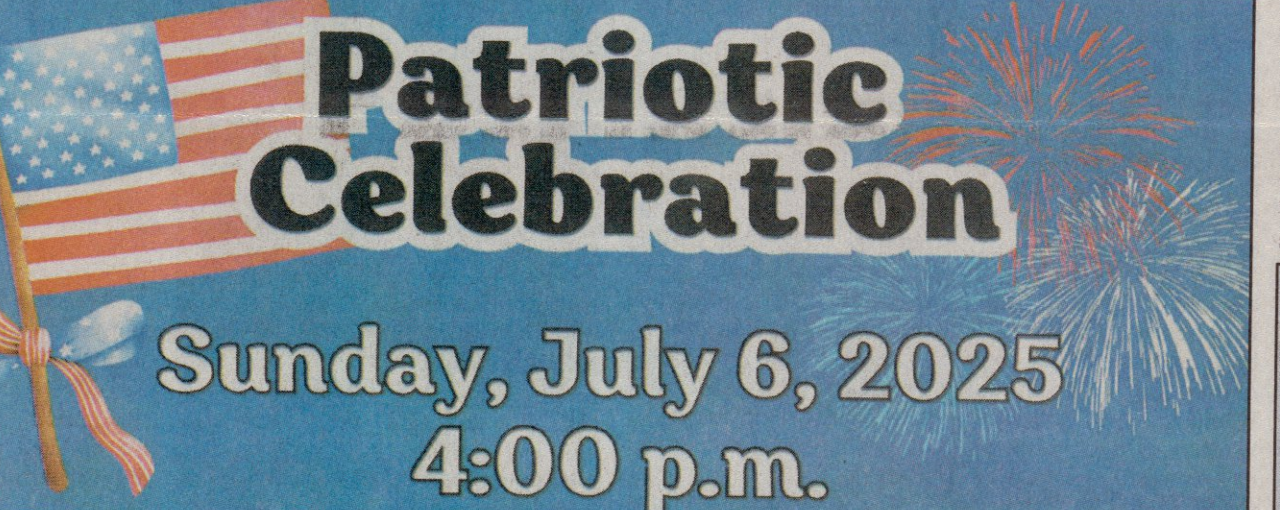
(Q) The judgments (laws) of the Lord are more desirable than ___ and sweeter than ___.

(Q) We should show to coming generations the Praises of the Lord, his strength, and his ___.

(Q) Three things that God hates are a proud ___, a lying ___, and ___ that shed innocent blood.

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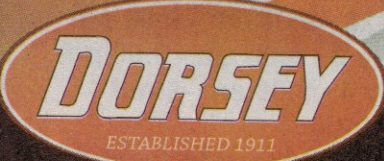
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